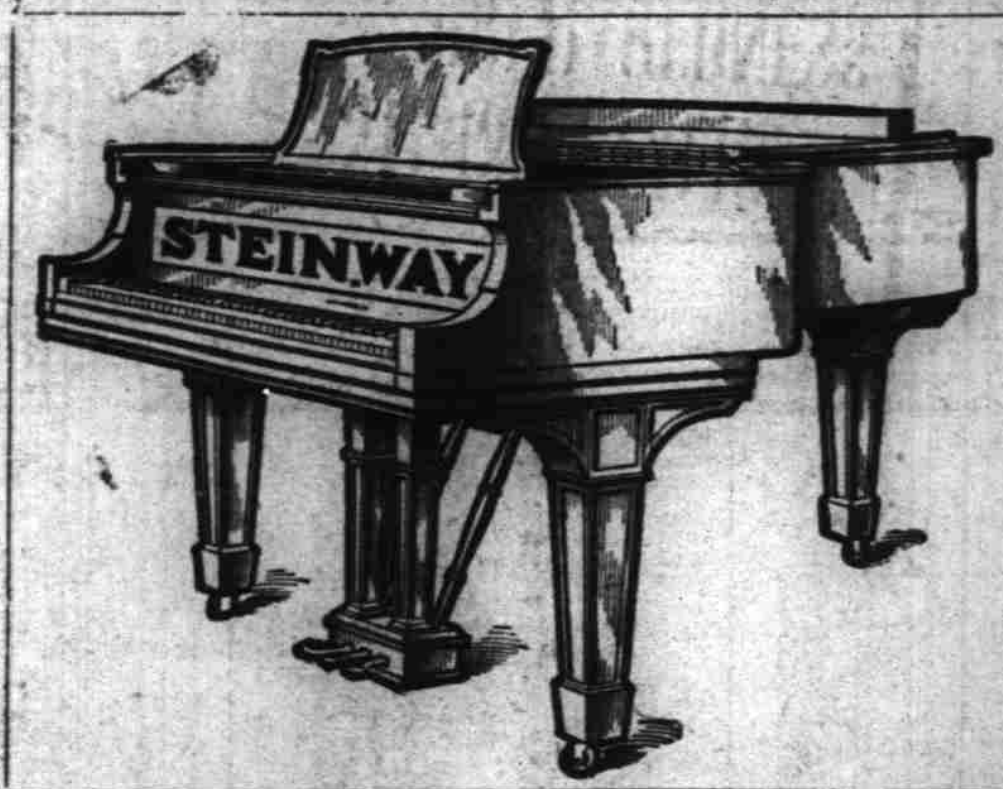


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## SPANISH CONSUL'S LETTER TO COUNTRYMEN ROUSES COMMENT

We Denies Attempting to Per-  
suade Them Not to Become  
Naturalized Citizens

Senor Luis Guillen Gil, recently ar-  
rived in Hawaii as Spanish consul, has  
sent out among his countrymen of the  
islands a circular letter which has  
aroused much comment among the  
Americans who have heard of it.

One section of the letter has been  
shown as evidence that Consul Gil is  
trying to persuade the Spaniards to be-  
come naturalized American citi-  
zens. Inasmuch as the territory went  
into a tremendously costly system of  
assisted immigration, bringing Euro-  
peans here in specially chartered ves-  
sels at a cost of hundreds of thousands  
of dollars; and inasmuch as the pri-  
mary purpose behind this plan has  
been to populate the territory with  
people eligible to become citizens to  
relieve the heavy alien population, the  
consul's letter has met with criticism.

Consul Gil himself, when questioned  
by the Star-Bulletin, vigorously dis-  
claimed any idea of so advising his  
countrymen. He said his circular let-  
ter is merely to impress upon them  
that only those who retain Spanish  
citizenship can be aided by his office,  
and this he justifies under the Spanish  
law.

The cause for the circular letter  
apparently is an explanation of the re-  
cently-enacted workmen's compensa-  
tion law. This is explained in some  
detail.

A translation of the circular, made  
at the request of this paper by Joseph  
Hesse, is as follows:

"In assuming possession of the con-  
sulate I did not care to send forth a  
circular of greeting, because I con-  
sidered it a method of vain courtesy  
and I did not come to these islands  
to waste ceremony and etiquette on  
the Spaniards, but to be the friend and  
adviser in the constant difficulties  
which you happen to encounter from  
the time of your departure from Spain;  
and if, as I hope you will, you follow  
my instructions I believe in some in-  
stances I may help you in your fight  
for existence.

"I know that coming to Honolulu  
many of you are met by interpreters  
and queer friends whose purpose is  
only to dispose of you of hard-earned  
dollars for translating a few words,  
as easy for them, and naturally my  
first advice to you is to doubt such  
and inquire for the consulate of Spain  
through the police or any other way,  
and I, who am here for that purpose,  
will furnish you the means to get  
out of the difficulty in which you  
may be."

Then follows an explanation of the

compensation law, after which Consul  
Gil says:

"I notice, with displeasure, that  
many of you do not comply with the  
Spanish law, which reads:

"Article 65. The entry in the reg-  
ister of nationality is obligatory for  
Spanish residents."

"Article 66. The certificates of na-  
tionality that are issued will be renew-  
ed annually (the cost 25 centavos)."  
"Article 67. Those who omit ob-  
taining the certificate of nationality,  
in accordance with the aforesaid arti-  
cle, can not assert their rights, nor  
be assisted in their complaints by the  
legation or consulates, in compliance  
with the contents of article 8, of the  
rules and regulations of nationality."  
"In closing I must tell you that in  
the future this consulate will not at-  
tend to any complaint nor will it per-  
mit the deportation of Spaniards who  
have not their respective certificate of  
nationality, according to the law, since  
by misfortune there are many Spani-  
ards who, forgetting our mother coun-  
try, have manifested their will to be  
American subjects, and believing that  
I was not cognizant of the fact have  
called at this consulate to make com-  
plaints without thinking that they  
must be Spanish of blood and at heart  
and comply with the Spanish law to  
get our service."

LUIS GUILLEN GIL,  
The Consul.

In the paragraph just quoted, last  
part of sentence, the consul uses the  
Spanish words "por desgracia" which  
have been translated as "since unfor-  
tunately" or "since by misfortune." A  
more literal translation of this sen-  
tence, and the one which has aroused  
the comment, is "since disgracefully  
there are many Spaniards who, for-  
getting our mother country, have man-  
ifested their will to be American sub-  
jects," etc.

In reply to questions regarding this  
letter, Consul Gil said to the Star-  
Bulletin:

"The circular letter is merely meant  
to advise Spaniards here that they  
must expect no aid from this consulate  
unless they comply with the Spanish  
law and take out annually their cer-  
tificates of nationality. In no sense is  
the letter designed to deter any Span-  
ish subject from becoming an Ameri-  
can citizen, but I wished to make  
plain to the Spaniards here that they  
lose the protection of the consulate  
when they once take out a declaration  
of intention to become American citi-  
zens."

While giving an exhibition of high  
diving at Troy, N. Y., Lorenzo Bach-  
elder, eighteen years old, all-round  
athlete of Cohoes, N. Y., was killed.

## GRAND REVIEW OF 50 YEARS AGO REPEATED

Washington Will See Time-  
Scarred Veterans of the  
Great War

(By Latest Mail.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Fifty years  
ago the victorious Union armies, fresh  
from the battlefields of the Civil War  
and the surrender at Appomattox,  
marched down Pennsylvania avenue  
in Washington.

It was a grand review of the war-  
scarred legions of Grant and Sherman,  
of Meade and Sheridan, and the other  
famous commanders whose "boys in  
blue" had preserved the Union. Presi-  
dent Johnson and Gen. Grant were in  
the reviewing stand as the veterans  
swung proudly past to the exulting  
music of their bands, while the battle  
flags that had flown on a hundred  
bloody fields waved over the triumphant  
host.

This thrilling pageant of national in-  
terest will be reproduced as far as  
possible during the 49th annual en-  
campment of the Grand Army of the  
Republic, which will be held in Wash-  
ington, September 27 to October 3,  
next, according to the announcement  
made here.

It will be the fiftieth anniversary  
of the grand review. Thousands of  
the same veterans who marched in  
that review a half century ago uni-  
formed in the Union blue, will again  
keep step to martial music down Pen-  
nsylvania avenue and pass in parade  
before President Wilson and members  
of his cabinet. It will be the last  
time the veterans will march in Wash-  
ington, and the last time that hun-  
dreds of them will ever again attend  
an encampment, as the aged men are  
fast passing away.

The Grand Army, which survived  
four years of campaigns and never  
surrendered, will soon have to lower  
its standards, defeated by Time—the  
only enemy able to vanquish the vet-  
erans. Because of the increasing  
death rate and the feebleness of the  
survivors of the great war it is prob-  
able that the Grand Army will never  
again hold a great encampment after  
the Washington event. As this gath-  
ering is the last in which many of  
them will participate, and as the an-  
niversary of the Grand Review is of  
such historic significance to them and  
their country, they will make great  
efforts to be in Washington in Septem-  
ber. The encampment will therefore  
be the largest and most successful  
ever held by the organization.

Washington is making elaborate  
preparations to receive the veterans,  
and the nation's capital will be en fete  
during the week that the famous sol-  
diers are within her gates.

Government officials and the people  
of the capital are a unit in extending  
invitations, through the press of the  
country, to the nation to visit Wash-  
ington during G. A. R. week. Plans  
are being perfected to make the en-  
campment and the grand review an  
event of national importance.

An elaborate program of entertain-  
ment for the veterans and citizens  
who visit the capital at that time, is  
being prepared. The war department  
and the navy department are cooper-  
ating in the program.

The former has arranged for exhibi-  
tion drills of United States troops  
cavalry, artillery and infantry, at Fort  
Myer, which is a suburb of Washing-  
ton. Some of the best soldiers in the  
army are stationed at Fort Myer, par-  
ticularly the cavalry, which numbers  
among the enlisted men many of the  
greatest riders in the world. Crack  
batteries of light artillery are also  
stationed at Fort Myer. Aeroplane  
exhibitions are to be given by the  
Signal Corps. The Wright brothers  
demonstrated in public the first aero-  
plane at Fort Myer.

The navy department will have a  
fleet of torpedo-boat destroyers, sub-  
marines, gunboats and a cruiser de-  
tached from the Atlantic fleet and sent  
up the Potomac river to Washington,  
where the ships will remain during the  
encampment. A big feature will be  
camp fires, at which will be held re-  
unions of the various corps of the  
Union armies.

Just below Washington, on the Po-  
tomac, is located Indian Head proving  
grounds, where big guns for the navy  
or fortifications are tested before be-  
ing placed on battleships or in our  
coast defenses. The veterans and vic-  
tims will have an opportunity to see  
the operations at Indian Head, as well  
as scores of other places of interest  
in or around Washington.

During encampment week opportu-  
nity will be afforded the veterans to  
revisit Bull Run, Antietam, Appomattox  
and other celebrated battlefields.

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PREPAREDNESS**

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regular and proper thing for the aver-  
age college man to devote one or two  
of his summer vacations to this duty.  
It should come to be regarded as a  
part of his training in citizenship, un-  
til a man who shirks it is regarded  
by his fellows as having shirked a  
part of his duty in life, just as has  
become the feeling in Switzerland and  
Australia.

This summer, above all summers, is  
the time in which to give momentum  
and impetus to this invaluable system  
of training. Last year the number  
of young men who took advantage  
of the course amounted to 700 or 800.  
This year, under the impulse of this  
national crisis, the number should  
increase to many thousands.

Nor should we stop there. We must  
also insist upon the establishment of  
proper reserves for our organized  
forces serving with the colors. In his  
message to Congress last December,  
President Wilson said:

"We must depend in every time of  
national peril, in the future as in the  
past, not upon a standing army, nor  
yet upon a reserve army, but upon a  
citizenry trained and accustomed to  
arms."

This is sound doctrine but it  
amounts to but idle words unless a  
requisite number of the citizens upon  
whom the president proposes to de-  
pend have received the adequate in-  
struction necessary to convert them  
from a mob into an army.

We must also insist that with all  
possible speed adequate supplies of  
arms and munitions of war of all  
necessary kinds be prepared for the  
use of our regular army, our militia,  
our reserves and our volunteers in  
case they are called into action.

In the face of this great responsi-  
bility, which is testing our nation as  
it has been seldom tested before, it  
is time for us to strip off our smug  
delusions and to bravely face the  
facts which govern the world of to-  
day; to realize that the voice of Amer-  
ica will be given just that weight and  
no more in the councils of nations to  
which it is entitled by the justice, the  
temperance and the willingness to  
make sacrifice on our part which lies  
behind it.



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